

## INCREASING INTEREST IN CYCLE RACING

Local Coliseum Will Have  
Long Schedule.

GOOD SPORT IS PROMISED

Fast Fields Are Unusually  
Large to Open With.

TO FEATURE PACED EVENTS

Eddie Bald Again in the Game—Joe Nelson  
a Vegetarian—Willie Penn Will  
Train Here—Stinson Has Troubles in  
Paris—Major Taylor and Kimble.

Chairman Batchelder and C. Ross Kloss-  
termann, of the board of control, N. C. A.,  
returned from Jacksonville last week. The  
latter stopped off here and gave the Coli-  
seum at Fourteenth and East Capitol  
Streets a good looking over, and pro-  
nounced it in better condition and faster  
than ever and predicted that many of the  
standing records would be broken here  
this season.

He expressed the belief that as good if  
not better training work can be done in  
this city and at the Coliseum than farther  
south, and intimated that the next month  
would find a small army of riders here,  
preparing for the season's campaign in  
the North and West.

The recent meets in the South, espe-  
cially at Atlanta and Jacksonville, have  
encouraged the promoters of the sport to  
believe that this will be a most propi-  
tious season in every way.

Many new aspirants for honors and  
prizes are coming to the front, and the  
competition will be something fierce. Old  
timers will have to look to their laurels,  
and in order to keep in the running will  
have to adopt the very latest methods  
to make a showing against the up-to-the-  
hour human racing machine.

Fast Fields in June.

So rapidly has the field of middle-dis-  
tance riders increased that during the  
early months of the year, May and June,  
the battle for supremacy will be the  
fiercest ever known. Each year in June  
the field is sifted down with race after  
race, and when July 1, or at the latest,  
July 4, has been passed, those riders who  
are to battle for the championship have  
been rounded up and others secure few  
contests after that. During the present  
season the tracks will be more numerous  
and more riders will emerge from the  
June battles as favorites than last sea-  
son. In July there will be a still further  
cutting down of the field, and in August  
the race promoters will seek anxiously  
contracts with the leading men, but in  
September the field will be smaller still,  
and the champions will have more work  
to do than they care to undertake.

Sprinters Take Up Paced Events.

More recruits for the pace-following  
field have come forward this year than  
was ever known before. Sprinters in  
great number have changed their alle-  
giance, and more promise to do so in the  
near future. When the Grand Circuit  
starts in July many of these will decide  
that middle-distance racing is not for  
them, and will return to shorter races,  
thus relieving the pressure in the paced  
ranks.

Grand Circuit Events.

The Grand Circuit will be more impor-  
tant this year than ever, and will present  
one solid array of meets from about July  
1 until the last part of September, with  
a Southern loop which will carry the  
riders to Florida and ultimately to Ha-  
vana, in all probability, where they will  
ride until time to start the indoor circuit  
of the North, after which they will find  
steady racing in the South, starting with  
March 1.

Eddie Bald in the Field.

Among the old-timers who were terri-  
ble to all competitors several years ago was  
Eddie Bald. He is coming back into the  
game again, and hopes to again become a  
money-maker, but he will have to work  
to keep in line.

Chairman Batchelder believes that Ed-  
die Bald will ultimately regain his old-time  
form, but says that Bald must start at  
the foot of the ladder and take his  
whippings early in the season. The chair-  
man says that times have changed and  
riders have changed, and that Bald re-  
turns to the game to be used to have them,  
and he will not have the race won when  
he gets on his wheel.

Joe Nelson a Vegetarian.

There has been very little in the way  
of athletic training which popular Joe  
Nelson, young brother of the late Johnnie  
Nelson, has not attempted this season.  
Little Joe has sought out every means of  
development possible, and has grown big  
and heavy under the work, gaining over  
twenty pounds during the winter. From a  
lad the size of Michael, Joe has grown to  
over five feet four inches and 140  
pounds weight. He is now exactly the  
size of his brother Johnnie and much  
stronger and harder than Johnnie ever  
was. Last week Joe started training in  
the Turnverein of Newark, where he plays  
basketball the living day when un-  
able to be in the outdoor air. Floy Kre-  
sch and Teddy Bullington train with him, and  
the trio work hard every day.

Diet Has Made Him Strong.

He has taken on vegetarian ideas, and  
has practically abandoned the eating of  
meat. Nelson has said little regarding  
the reasons for his change. Nelson fol-  
lows the footsteps of Marcus L. Hurley,  
the amateur champion of the sprinters  
last season. Hurley for years has lived  
upon a purely vegetable diet, and has  
grown big and strong while following an  
active racing career. Yet six years ago Sidney  
B. Bowman, of New York, now a success-  
ful cycle dealer, and very rotund in ap-  
pearance, took up a vegetable diet. Bow-  
man was a team mate of Arthur Zimmerman.  
Billy Corcoran was trainer of the team.  
Bowman was more trouble to his trainer  
than any other members of that fa-  
mous team, as he would eat nothing but  
vegetables. Bowman is still following the  
same bent, and laughs at anyone who eats  
meat. Since starting a vegetarian diet  
young Nelson has lost none in weight or  
strength.

Owing to inflammation of the bronchial  
tubes, Willie Penn was compelled to cease  
all training for a week. Penn is at the

## AMONG THE WRESTLERS.

Tom Jenkins on the Sport—Conditions of  
McLeod-Parr Match.

J. F. Hoover, of this city, and Joe Her-  
ald, of Baltimore, will wrestle for gate  
receipts at Kernan's Lyceum next Thurs-  
day night.  
Fred Olsen won the Stevens challenge  
cup by defeating E. C. Hartschorn in a  
catch-as-catch-can match before the New  
York Athletic Club on Monday night.

Leo Pardoello, the Italian champion  
wrestler, is anxious to meet John Fien-  
gelo, the "Butcher Boy," on the mat. Fien-  
gelo says that he is willing to wrestle  
Pardoello best two out of three, or best  
three out of five falls, either catch-as-  
catch-can or Gracie-Roman.

The McLeod-Parr wrestling match will  
be decided in Buffalo during the week be-  
ginning April 14. McLeod has the repu-  
tation of being a shrewd matchmaker,  
and many argue that he would not have  
given the handicap if he did not think he  
could win. The conditions of the match  
are not all in his favor, but sporting men  
admit that the terms are but fair. McLeod  
wagers that he will throw his opponent  
three times in a row. The side bet is  
\$500. Parr wagers a like amount that he  
will gain a fall. Should Parr get a fall  
and yet be thrown three times, he will  
break even. Should he lose both bets he  
will be out \$1,000. But the percentage  
basis gives McLeod a great advantage.  
Should he throw his opponent he will get  
75 per cent of the winner's share of the  
gate receipts.

Tom Jenkins, the champion catch-as-  
catch-can wrestler of the world, is one  
of the finest built men in the country,  
and although he has been in the sport  
only nine years, he has gained world-  
wide fame as a wrestler. He has de-  
feated the best men in this country, and  
he is now anxious to go against the best  
in England. Speaking about the game  
and the men he has met, Jenkins said to  
a Boston reporter:

"Those big Turks were the toughest  
game that I have been against. Nourou-  
lah was a better man than Yusuf. He  
threw me about as I was a stick, and I  
still bear marks that I received when  
he threw me out of the ring into the  
orchestra. The game in this country has  
been done much harm by take wrestlers,  
but the public is again beginning to have  
some confidence in the matches."

"I want to get a match with Piening  
so as to stop the talk he is making. I  
am going to New York next week, and  
will hunt him up and try to get him to  
agree to wrestle me. I am also trying  
to get Clayton, the best wrestler in Eng-  
land, to come here and meet me, but if  
he does not come I will go across this  
summer and see if I can get him to meet  
me over there."

Kerns at Stroke Again.

Kerns will stroke the boat again this  
year, and, of course, the student body is  
delighted at this. Kerns, it has been said  
by those in a position to know what they  
were talking about, has no equal as a  
stroke in a college boat, and he promises to  
be in his usual fine condition this year.  
He has been tried out, and everybody  
knows that he is gritty, and will stick at  
it until the race is rowed. He is rowing  
on the river every day.

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of the following men, Mahoney, Edmon-  
ston, or Rorke. All are good men, and  
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## GEORGETOWN CREW ON THE WATER

Coach Dempsey Will Be Here  
Next Tuesday.

Russell Will Again Be Captain and Kerns  
Will Stroke the Boat—Probable  
Selections for Seats.

Captain Russell, of the Georgetown  
crew, says that from now until after the  
races on the Hudson in June he will have  
his men on the river, and that there will  
be no let up in the training. During the  
recent bad spell of weather, the men were  
kept on the machines, and are now in the  
best possible condition. The men now  
rowing are the most promising lot ever  
brought together by the management, and  
if they are not able to hold their own in  
the fastest company, it will be very sur-  
prising and at the same time disappoint-  
ing to the followers of "Blue and Gray"  
athletes. Captain Russell will be seen in  
the same position this year as last, No. 6.  
He is one of the best oarsmen who ever  
put on a Georgetown suit, and can always  
be depended on to last the distance. He  
does not seem to let the fact of his be-  
ing captain worry him much, and while he  
seems to be spending all his time in show-  
ing the new men how to handle the  
sweeps, he is in fine shape and would be  
able to row a race tomorrow if it were  
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day. He postponed coming over from  
Philadelphia until after the river had set-

work, for it depends upon the hardest sort  
of work to win any place in the boat this  
year. Edmonston and Mahoney have not  
missed a day's practice, and, of course,  
this will be one good point in their favor.  
Rorke is not so regular, but it is ex-  
pected that when Coach Dempsey arrives  
Tuesday, there will be a shaking up, and  
only the faithful will be given seats in  
the boat during the practice spins on the  
river.

Britt Will Be Missed.

Mohrman, Sietz, and Gibbons are try-  
ing for No. 5. Britt, who rowed this po-  
sition last year, will be missed, but it is  
certain that his successor will be a capa-  
ble man. All the candidates for this  
place are football players, and therefore  
have the required amount of sand.

Joe Lynch will again be seen at No. 4,  
and can be depended upon, as he has held  
this place against all-comers for the last  
two years, and there seems to be no one  
able to force him to take a back seat.  
Seven men are trying for No. 3, and it will  
be hard work to select the man who will  
row the big races. Among those who are  
showing up well are Bonham, Eagan,  
Schneider, Graham, and Guther. No. 2  
will be fought out for by Reilly and  
Gracie, both of last year's crew. The odds  
are in favor of Reilly. St. Clair is ex-  
pected to fill No. 1 again this year, but if  
anything should prevent him from rowing,  
the place will be well taken care of, as  
there are a number of good men trying  
for it.

New Men Doing Well.

Among the new men who are showing up  
well, Mahoney deserves to be mentioned.  
He is young, strong, and has plenty of  
grit. He was "sub" on the football team  
last season, and proved himself to be a  
stayer. He should make a very good man  
with proper handling. C. Sietz, the  
sprinter, is another new one who will  
well bear watching. He only recently  
joined the squad, but those in charge are  
very favorably impressed by his style and  
strength. Rorke is a good oarsman, but is  
very irregular in showing up for practice.  
If he will pay more attention to the row-  
ing, he may be able to aid the crew con-  
siderably this season.

Eagan is showing up very strong. He is  
not a very large man, but what he lacks  
in size he makes up in nerve,  
style, and ability in handling a "sweep."  
Bonham and Graham are sure to make  
places in the "four," if unsuccessful in  
their trials for positions in the varsity  
squad.

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day. He postponed coming over from  
Philadelphia until after the river had set-

led down, and the cold wave had passed.  
He will have the men on the water every  
day, and from the time of his arrival un-  
til the final selections are made it is ex-  
pected that the squad will be gradually  
reduced. At present there are about forty  
men trying for the two crews.  
The new boat is expected to be finished  
about the middle of April. It is said to  
be built on beautiful lines, and after well-  
known models, and it is expected that it  
will promise to be the fastest crew  
Georgetown has ever had in it.

"AMERICAN STARS" NINE.

District Athletic Club Team Has Ar-  
ranged Its Schedule.

The indications are that the "American  
Stars," the ball team representing the  
District Athletic Club, will be consid-  
erably stronger than last year. The team  
is taking daily practice and showing up  
well.

Manager Fred J. Leipsie has booked a  
number of games with strong teams here  
and out of town. He is desirous of ar-  
ranging also other teams.

His schedule for April includes the fol-  
lowing: April 3, 4, and 5 with Chester-  
field; 10, Highlands, at Alexandria; 12,  
14, and 15 with Loudoun A. C., at Lees-  
burg, Va.; 18 and 19, Buena Vista, at  
Washington; 21, Douglass A. C. (colored);  
22, Rabston; 24 and 25, Young's Piers, at  
Alexandria; 26, Young's Piers, at Wash-  
ington (two games); 27 and 28, Eagle A.  
C., at Virginia, A. C., at Washington  
(two games); 30, Loudoun A. C., at home  
(two games).

President Sullivan is arranging for a  
two-weeks' trip for the team through  
Maryland, and a similar one in Virginia  
in July.  
Among other players signed by Captain  
Marron are Ed King, pitcher; Aftenber-  
mann, of Rockville; Sullivan, Chase, Ned-  
felt, and Mike Hall. The captain is after  
a local minor leaguer for third base. The  
new uniforms are handsome, and consist  
of blue shirts and pants, white belt, red  
cap and stockings.

Live Shoot Tourney.

The Great American Handicap live-bird  
tournament, which will be held in Kan-  
sas City from March 31 to April 5 inclu-  
sive, will attract the greatest number of  
wing shots that ever participated in any  
shooting tournament. The entry list al-  
ready numbers 215, and the entry books  
will be open until Saturday. Post entries  
will be received until the first man has  
shot at his last bird. There will be 18,000  
birds trained during the shoot, 7,500 of  
which will be used in the handicap race.

## ERILIOUS TIMES ARE AHEAD FOR THE FISHES

Plans For the Inauguration of  
the Angling Season.

OYSTER ROAST SCHEDULED

"Fighting Bob" Evans' Association to  
Have a Rare Outing at the Montgom-  
ery-Sycamore Island Club on March  
29—Programme of the Festivities.

The opening of the fishing season in the  
waters of the upper Potomac, March 29,  
will be marked by the annual oyster roast  
of the Fish and Game Protective Associa-  
tion on Sycamore Island, the home of the  
Montgomery-Sycamore Island Club.

The members of this club have courte-  
ously placed their beautiful up-river res-  
ort at the disposal of the association  
members for that day, and the committee  
in charge propose to make it a historical  
one to the anglers of this city.

The committee has ordered an abun-  
dant of select oysters from Fort  
Monroe, and the plans for the "roast" are  
in the hands of "Capt. Tom" Barry, who  
has charge of the island, and is an expert  
in such affairs.

The members of the association will  
have as their guests fellow-anglers from  
the Sycamore Island Club and the An-  
gler's Club, as well as others to whom  
invitations have been extended.

Dr. Young, the secretary-treasurer of  
the organization, assured a representa-  
tive of The Times today that the outing  
party, which will have special car ac-  
commodations to and from the boat con-  
necting with the island, will carry at  
least one of the Commissioners, and sev-  
eral of the most prominent business men  
of this city, to enliven the occasion by  
oratory.

This association has about 300 mem-  
bers, the officers of which are: Admiral  
"Fighting Bob" Evans, president; Major  
Richard Sylvester, warden, and Dr. W. P.  
Young, secretary-treasurer. In the last  
five years through its influence the asso-  
ciation caused the river to be stocked  
with over 12,000 bass.

# 7,000 Shareholders Now in the Basket Machine Company

Steady Growth of "The People's Trust." Over One  
Thousand New Subscriptions at 50 Cents per  
Share Written During the Past Six Days.

More than one thousand new subscriptions to  
the capital stock of the Mergenthaler-Horton  
Basket Machine Company at fifty cents a share  
were made during the past week.

There are thousands more contemplating purchase of  
these shares.

To these persons and to the public and to the present  
shareholders the officers of the Company renew their po-  
sitive declaration that no subscriptions at fifty cents a share  
will be accepted beyond the limits of the present allo-  
tment, and that this allotment is sufficient only to accom-  
plish certain steps in the well-defined plans of the com-  
pany's directors.

The price of the next allotment will not now be  
announced, but it will be a substantial increase.

It may take effect at any time without notice,  
although notice will be given if possible.

Nothing is more certain than that the present move-  
ment in the purchase of shares in the Mergenthaler-Horton  
Basket Machine Company will carry the price of these  
shares steadily upward, as is just and right, and distinctly  
to the benefit of every shareholder.

The steady growth of interest in the great business pro-  
position which this Company presents justifies the judg-  
ment of its officers, who refused the offers of syndicates  
and opened their lists for popular co-operation.

When before has such a strong proposition ever  
been offered to the general public on such fair  
terms?

The secret of the unprecedented success of the popular  
subscription plan for these shares is in the inherent  
commercial strength of the fundamental structure of the Com-  
pany, and in the universal verdict that the offering to the  
public was fair and equitable. The notable features of this  
presentation are:

No underwriting syndicate.  
No fiscal agents.  
Share and share alike.  
Every share a common share.  
Every share a voting share.  
No preferred stock, no bonds, and no debts.  
First allotment of shares at lowest prices.  
Subsequent allotments at steadily increasing  
prices.

This presentation is based upon a proposition absolutely  
controlling an industry of which the present and imme-  
diate

PROFITS ARE OVER \$4,000,000  
A YEAR,  
an industry the volume of which  
is increasing so rapidly that in  
seven or eight years

IT WILL BE DOUBLED.

Consider a moment what absolute control of such an in-  
dustry means.

It means that the laws of supply and demand in that in-  
dustry are wholly within the province of such control, reg-  
ulating the prices which rule for the product by being the

ONLY SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

This control is acquired not by undermining business  
methods which prevail in nearly every large "Combina-  
tion" of corporate interests, but because of property rights  
sustained by the strength of  
SWEPT FUNDAMENTAL PATENTS  
granted and supported by the United States Government  
and the Courts.



### THE PROPOSITION.

The proposition of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Ma-  
chine Company is one of automatic machine work as opposed  
to hand labor, and none of the noted labor-saving machines  
familiar to everyone can compare in effectiveness and prac-  
tical accomplishment with the basket-making machines  
which this Company owns and controls.

THE MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE, which does the work  
of four or five men, pays a steady dividend of twenty per  
cent on ten millions of capital.

THE HARVESTING MACHINES, which cut the coun-  
try's grain require two horses and one man to do the work  
of six men, but these machines made the McCormick mil-  
lions.

THE SEWING MACHINE, which works five times as fast  
as the seamstress, built palaces and supports whole town-  
ships with its earnings.



But the Basket-making Machines of the Mer-  
genthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company are  
so efficient and so perfectly automatic that with  
each of them ONE GIRL DOES THE WORK OF  
TWELVE MEN.

In addition to the great saving of labor, which would  
commend these machines as an investment to every busi-  
ness man and every thinking person, there is the most im-  
portant fact that the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine  
Company will absolutely control the industry which em-  
ploys the machines. IT WILL DO THE BUSINESS IT-  
SELF. Its model factories will be set up on a scale com-  
mensurate with the great scope of the Company's field of  
work, and will manufacture from raw material and deliver  
to the fruit grower every basket needed for the moving and  
marketing of every ounce of fruit produced.

Already the plans of the Company are taking  
definite form in negotiations which are nearing  
completion, and which, when announced, will drive  
the selling price of the shares higher and higher.  
DOUBLING THEIR MONEY.

Follow the steps taken by the Mergenthaler-Horton Bas-  
ket Machine Company and it will be seen that every step  
has been in exact accord with its announcements. Early  
shareholders now see their shares double in value. New  
subscribers will see their shares double in value, and still  
the limit of price for these shares will not be reached, because

## MERGENTHALER-HORTON BASKET MACHINE CO.

CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

OFFICERS: PRES. - H. H. WARNER. TRANSFER AGENTS: The Corporation Trust Co. of New York.  
TREAS. - CHARLES R. BARLOW.  
SECTY. - SIDNEY B. WHITLOCK.

Van Doren Bldg., 1331 F St., Washington, D. C.

NEW YORK, 287 Broadway (Executive Office).  
BOSTON, Atlantic National Bank Building, State Street.  
PHILADELPHIA, Mutual Life Insurance Building, 1001 Chestnut Street.  
BUFFALO, 937 Ellicott Square.  
CHICAGO, Continental Nat'l Bank Building, 218 La Salle Street.  
CLEVELAND, New England Building, 129 E. 14th Avenue.  
PITTSBURGH, 901 Empire Building.  
ST. LOUIS, Bankers' Finance Co., 507 Union Trust Building.

Just as surely as the Linotype Machine pays its shareholders  
twenty per cent on ten millions of capital, JUST SO SURELY  
WILL THE AUTOMATIC BASKET-MAKING MA-  
CHINES, WHICH SAVE THREE TIMES AS MUCH LABOR  
AS THE LINOTYPE, EARN DIVIDENDS WHICH WILL  
MAKE THE SHARES OF THE MERGENTHALER-HORTON  
BASKET MACHINE COMPANY SOUGHT FOR AT PRICES  
WHICH ARE BEYOND PRESENT COMPUTATION.

### FOR COMPARISON. MACHINE AS AGAINST HANDMADE BASKETS.

#### FIVE-POUND GRAPE BASKETS.

Man can make by hand 350 in ten hours.  
5-lb. Grape Basket, Hand labor..... \$2.50 per 1,000  
Tacks..... 1.00  
..... 3.50  
Machine and girl can make 4,000 in ten hours.  
5-lb. Grape Basket, Machine labor..... \$4.00 per 1,000  
Wire..... .60  
..... 4.60  
Selling by Machine, \$2.50 per 1,000.  
Selling price, \$12 to \$16 per 1,000.

#### EIGHT-POUND GRAPE BASKET.

8-lb. Grape Basket, Hand labor..... \$3.00 per 1,000  
Tacks..... 1.10  
..... 4.10  
8-lb. Grape Basket, Machine labor..... \$4.00 per 1,000  
Wire..... .75  
..... 4.75  
Selling by Machine, \$3 per 1,000.  
Selling price, \$18 to \$22 per 1,000.

#### BERRY BASKETS.

Girl can make by hand 1,200 in ten hours.  
Quart Berry Basket, Hand labor..... \$1.00 per 1,000  
Wire and wood..... .60  
..... 1.60  
Machine and girl can make 12,000 in ten hours.  
Same with Machine labor..... \$1.15 per 1,000  
Wire and wood..... .75  
..... 1.90  
Selling by Machine, 85c per 1,000.  
Selling price, from \$3.25 to \$5 per 1,000.

### FACTS THAT COUNT.

The actual yearly demand ex-  
ceeds Two Billion Baskets.  
Value at wholesale, Eleven Mil-  
lion Dollars.  
The net profit on this volume  
of business last year was \$1,  
387,000.  
The Baskets were all made by  
hand.  
Each Mergenthaler-Horton Com-  
pany machine does the work of  
twelve men.  
The saving in labor by the use  
of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket  
Machines amounts to more than  
TWO MILLION DOLLARS AN-  
NUALLY.  
This gives earnings for the  
owners of OVER THREE MIL-  
LION THREE HUNDRED THOU-

SAND DOLLARS, OR OVER  
THIRTY-THREE PER CENT ON  
THE ENTIRE CAPITAL ON THE  
PRESENT VOLUME OF BUSI-  
NESS.  
The machines may be seen in  
operation at the Robinson Basket  
Company's factory, Palmdale,  
California, where over thirty are  
installed at Elmira, N. Y., at  
the machine shops of Emmett  
Horton, one of the inventors, and  
at Solus, N. Y., where they are  
also in operation.  
The practical working of the  
machines is now shown in every  
city of the country.  
The Company will not sell or  
lease its machines, but will equip  
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